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SUBJECT: ACTING FONMIN MOCHTAR'S LOS PLANS

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1. DURING FEBRUARY 1 APPOINTMENT WHICH I REQUESTED TO DIS-
DISCUSS LOS MATTERS, I TOLD ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AND
JUSTICE MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA THAT AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON WAS HIGHLY PLEASE AT PROSPECT OF MOCHTAR'S
PARTICIPATION IN INTERSESSIONAL AND INQUIRED OF HIS
PRESENT PLANS. MOCHTAR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT NOW BE
GOING. HE HAD SEEN SOME POSSIBILITY OF BEING ABLE TO
FINISH HIS UPCOMING TOUR OF ASEAN CAPITALS (TO ARRANGE FOR
ASEAN SECGEN DHARSONO'S DISMISSAL-SEPTEL) IN TIME TO ATTEND
LAST DAYS OF MEETING. WHEN HE SO SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT
SUHARTO, HOWEVER, LATER HAD RESPONDED WITH FLAT "NO," THE
FIRST TIME HE HAD RECEIVED AN UNEQUIVOCAL ANSWER FROM
PRESIDENT IN FOUR YEARS OF ASSOCIATION, MOCHTAR ADDED.

2. MOCHTAR SAID HE HAD WISHED TO GO TO NEW YORK, FIRST,
BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF THIS MEETING FOR SUCCESS
OF SEVENTH SESSION AND, SECOND, BECAUSE AMERASINGHE WISHED
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TO CONSULT WITH HIM RE HIS SUCCESSOR AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT.
MOCHTAR SAID HE HAD TURNED DOWN EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT HE
TAKE THIS JOB BUT IMPLIED HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IF HE WERE
CONFERENCE'S UNANIMOUS CHOICE. MOCHTAR SEEMED TO REGARD
RECENT APPROACH BY BULGARIANS AS INDICATION THAT CONSENSUS IN
HIS FAVOR IS DEVELOPING. ALTHOUGH HE HAD EARLIER MENTIONED
THAT PRESIDENTIAL "NO" APPLIED TO BOTH INTERSESSIONAL

AND SEVENTH SESSION, I RECEIVED CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT MOCHTAR IS NOW AN UNANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY.

3. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MOCHTAR'S PUBLIC STATEMENT WELCOMING OUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERSESSIONAL. NOTING THAT LOCAL PRESS QUOTED HIM AS ATTRIBUTING OUR DECISION IN PART TO PROMISING LANGUAGE ON STRAITS PASSAGE, I EMPHASIZED THAT NO ICNT PROVISIONS WOULD COMPENSATE FOR AN UNACCEPTABLE SEABED MINING REGIME. MOCHTAR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND HAD INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR SANI, WHO WILL NOW HEAD INDONESIAN DELEGATION, TO WORK FOR AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PERMIT CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE.

4. MOCHTAR'S DIGRESSIONS ON THE ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL AND RELATED INTERNAL PROBLEMS (SEPTELS) DID NOT LEAVE TIME TO DISCUSS OTHER LOS ISSUES, BUT I BELIEVE SANI HAS A GOOD DEAL OF LEEWAY AND SUGGEST U.S. DELEGATION KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM. MASTERS

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